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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES IN ASMARA

1. SUMMARY: SCATTERED SHOOTING INCIDENTS OF PAST SEVERAL NIGHTS INTENSIFIED EVENING OF 22 DEC LEAVING SEVERAL DEAD AND WOUNDED. END SUMMARY.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN ASMARA EVERY EVENING BEGINNING 19 DEC. ACTUAL CAUSES OF INCIDENTS UNKNOWN, BUT PROBABLY RESULT FROM INCREASED NUMBER OF SECURITY FORCES AND ELF/PLF IN ASMARA AND TENSION BETWEEN THE TWO.

3. EVENING OF 22 DEC, ELF THREW GRENADES IN TWO BARS IN ASMARA. THE BARS WERE FREQUENTED BY TROOPS FROM 2ND DIV. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT INDICATES 5 DEAD, 31 WOUNDED, AND SEVERAL HUNDRED ARRESTED. AFTER THE EXPLOSIONS, SECURITY FORCES SEARCHED AND CLOSED ALL BARS IN TOWN. MANY PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND A FEW KILLED IN THE PROCESS.

4. THIS MORNING AREA OF EXPLOSIONS WAS CORDONED OFF BY SECURITY
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FORCES CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION. POLICE DETONATION TEAM EXPLODED

AT 0930 A BOMB FOUND IN A BAR IN THE SAME AREA OF THE OTHER
EXPLOSIONS. THE AREA IS NOW OPEN TO TRAFFIC.

5. US CITIZENS LODGED IN A HOTEL IN AREA OF EXPLOSIONS WERE UNABLE
TO REENTER HOTEL LAST NIGHT. HOWEVER, BY MIDMORNING THEY WERE ABLE
TO RECLAIM THEIR POSSESSIONS FROM THE HOTEL. THERE IS NO REPORT
OF A US CITIZEN BEING HARMED LAST NIGHT. US CITIZENS ARE BEING
ADVISED TO STAY OUT OF DOWNTOWN ASMARA AT NIGHT.
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